



We hope everyone had a fantastic and relaxing break! It has been wonderful to see the school gates open again and feel the energy as our students return to the classrooms.

We are diving straight into a busy and exciting Term 2. From upcoming sporting events and our much-anticipated art exhibition to the important three-way conferencing sessions, the calendar is already filling up fast. There is a lot to look forward to, and we can't wait to see what our students achieve over the coming weeks. Let's make this term a great one!

### *The Year 5 team for 2026 is as follows:*



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## Curriculum

### **Inquiry**

We are thrilled to announce that our inquiry focus for this term is the vibrant world of Art and Drama. This unit is all about self-expression, storytelling, and getting hands-on with our creativity. We are excited to welcome back Footsteps to our school! They will be leading high-energy drama sessions, teaching our students how to use movement, voice, and character to bring stories to life.

### **Trip**

To complement our classroom learning, we will be heading off-site for an inspiring trip to Corban Estate Arts Centre. During this visit, students will work alongside professional educators to explore new techniques and produce their very own masterpiece to bring home. The cost of this trip is being covered by your child's activity fee. If you haven't paid this, either in part or in full, we would appreciate you doing this through Kindo as soon as you can. Keep an eye out for permission slips and further details regarding our trip dates.

### **Puberty**

We will be having a puberty evening with Nest Consulting to provide a session for parents at Greenhithe School on Wednesday 29 April - 6.30pm - 7.30pm in Room 26 Nest Consulting work in a variety of schools across Auckland and New Zealand. See the email sent earlier this week to register your interest.

### **Cross country**

This term we have Cross Country. This event is always a highlight of the school calendar, focusing on perseverance, school spirit, and having a great time outdoors. More information will be sent out soon.

#### Event Details

- Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Location: Wainoni Park
- What to wear: Show your pride by wearing your House Colours!

# General Housekeeping

## **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

We are pleased to invite our Senior School students to bring their own devices to assist with classroom learning. To ensure a smooth transition, please take note of the following guidelines: Bringing a device is entirely optional. Our curriculum is designed so that students will continue to engage in regular bookwork and tactile learning alongside our digital platforms. No student will be disadvantaged if they do not have a personal device at school.

If your child chooses to bring a device, please ensure it arrives fully charged each morning. This allows them to jump straight into their tasks without the need for charging cables in the classroom.

The use of personal devices is a privilege aimed at enhancing our inquiry and digital literacy. We appreciate your support in helping students manage their technology responsibly!

## **Uniform**

To help keep our lost property bin empty and our students looking sharp, please take a moment to review our uniform and sun safety guidelines for this term.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. This is especially important for sweatshirts and raincoats, which are often the first things to go missing during play breaks.

As we are now in a cooler term, school hats are not required as part of the daily uniform.

However, if you would prefer your child to wear their hat during break times, please feel free to send it along (just make sure it's clearly labeled!).

## **Communication**

For all communication that needs action during school hours, please get in touch with the office, for example, if you need to collect your child early. Notices will be sent to you via email, or your child will bring home a hard copy. Any medications that your children need during the school day should be returned to the office on the first day of school. If your child is taking any new medications, please let their class teacher or the office know.

## **Home Learning**

There is no formal set home learning, however we do strongly encourage students to read for 20 minutes each evening and practise their basic facts in a method that suits them. The Ministry of Education have set up a maths practice tool that can be accessed here: <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>. Students may occasionally have work to finish at home or choose to access their learning on Google Classroom.